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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR MILI LE IS  
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: AUGUST 11 MEETING WITH WEIZMAN

REF: TEL AVIV 10332

1. SAM LEWIS HAS DONE MASTERFUL JOB OF GETTING ISRAELIS  
FINALLY TO DEFINE THEIR POSITION WITH SOME PRECISION.  
QUITE AGREE THAT BALL IS NOW IN LEBANESE COURT.

2. THERE IS ONE POINT WHICH IS STILL HANGING, HOWEVER. IF  
LEBANESE CAN BE CONVINCED TO USE QA'QAIYA BRIDGE (OR BURJ  
AL-HAWA) ROUTE, WHAT ASSURANCE IS THERE THEY WILL NOT BE  
BOMBARDED AS SOON AS THEY DEPLOY AROUND TIBNIN? BEING  
SURROUNDED BY OR NEXT TO UNIFIL UNITS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE  
GREAT DEAL OF PROTECTION. AFTER THE STATEMENTS OF HADDAD  
AND ZAATER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME CALMING MESSAGE  
FROM ISRAELIS, INCLUDING BENGAL, SAYING THEY WILL DO THEIR  
BEST TO RESTRAIN CHRISTIANS. I CANNOT, OF COURSE,

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GUARANTEE THAT ANY SUCH MESSAGE, NO MATTER HOW  
PHRASED, WILL CONVINCE LEBANESE AFTER EVENTS OF PAST  
TWO WEEKS, BUT IT IS WORTH A TRY.

3. THERE IS ALSO A POINT WHICH IS UNCLEAR. IT WOULD  
SEEM TO US THAT IF LEBANESE USE THEIR OWN HELICOPTERS  
TO MOVE TROOPS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ANY

NUMBER THEY WANT, AND NOT JUST A COMPANY. IS  
REFERENCE TO A SINGLE COMPANY AN ISRAELI CONDITION OR IS  
IT MERELY BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT IS ALL LEBANESE  
WOULD BE WILLING OR ABLE TO DO? I BELIEVE ORIGINAL  
PROPOSAL TO MOVE ONE COMPANY THIS WAY CAME FROM GENERAL  
KHOURY, AND THIS MAY EXPLAIN ITS CONSTANT REAPPEARANCE  
IN THE LITERATURE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CLARIFICATION.

4. IN ANY EVENT, I HAVE ASKED BRITISH AMBASSADOR,  
WHO IS LUNCHING WITH BOUTROS UP IN THE MOUNTAINS TODAY,  
TO TELL HIM WE HAVE HAD ENCOURAGING MESSAGE FROM TEL AVIV  
WHICH I WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM ON MONDAY.  
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